

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Three Notetakers

DATE & TIME:

Friday, February 25, 1972 - 2:35-2:45 p.m.

PLACE:

Guest House, Villa 2, Peking

VM Chiao: In this counter-proposal we had absorbed some of the things which you put forward in your last suggestion and we will suggest as follows, on the last sentence: "With this prospect in mind, the United States anticipates the progressive reduction and final withdrawal of all U.S. forces and military installations from Taiwan."

Now I will read the whole thing: "The U.S. side declared: The U.S. acknowledges that all Chinese on either side of the Taiwan Strait maintain there is but one China and that Taiwan is a part of China. The United States Government does not challenge that position. It reaffirms its interest in a peaceful settlement of the Taiwan question by the Chinese themselves. With this prospect in mind, the United States anticipates the progressive reduction and final withdrawal of all U.S. forces and military installations from Taiwan."

That is according to instructions given to me by Premier Chou En-lai.

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Dr. Kissinger: May I see the text?

As you said, this is a very serious matter for both of us because it is a matter of great political consequence for the President, of how it will be represented when he returns. Well, I think we are very close to . . . we are moving closer together. Will you be in this villa for awhile?

VM Chiao: Yes, surely.

Dr. Kissinger: Why don't I talk to the President and get his reaction because I think it isn't sensible to give a quick reaction. We can meet again in a little while, about half an hour, 3:00. So we will tell our colleagues we had a terrible row.

VM Chiao: Should we issue a communique to that effect?

Dr. Kissinger: Of course.

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